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FOR DEP ASSISTANT SEC VELIOTES (NEA) FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: AMGT, ASIG, EG
SUBJ: SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR

REF STATE 203482,

1. HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SUGGESTED REFTEL. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE A BIT SWEEPING IN SOME INSTANCES AND THAT THE PROSPECT OF ACHIEVING SOME OF THEM EPENDS MORE UPON WASHINGTON THAT IT DOES UPON THE AMB IN EGYPT. I HAVE IN MIND ESPECIALLY THE POINT ABOUT KEEPING GOE ACTIVELY AND POSITIVELY ENGAGED IN EFFORTS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF ARAB/ISRAEL DISPUTE. I, AS AMB TO EGYPT, CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THAT EFFORT BECAUSE OF MY OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SADAT, FAHMY AND OTHERS, BUT IN FINAL ANALYSIS GOE'S CONTINUED POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT IN THOSE EFFORTS DEPENDS IN LARGE MEASURE UPON WHAT WE DO.

2. AM NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHAT IS INTENDED BY "CAREFULLY SCREEN EGYPTIAN REQUESTS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE." I ASSUME THAT ANY SUCH REUEST THAT MAY BE MADE NEEDS BE SUBMITTED TO DEPT FOR REVIEW AND DECISION RATHER THAN BE VETTED HERE. WITH RESPECT TO THE POINT ABOUT DISCOURAGING "OVER DEPENDENC ON US SUPPLY", I AM FRANKLY PUZZLED WHAT EXACTLY THIS MEANS. THERE IS AT PRESENT NO DEPENDENCE, LET
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ALONE ANY "OVERDEPENDENCE", ON US MILITARY SUPPLIES. THE FEW NON LETHAL ITEMS WE HAVE PROVIDED OR ARE THINKING OF PROVIDING CAN SCARCELY BE DESCRIBED IN TERMS OF DEPENDENCE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IHAVE REGULARLY IN MY TALKS WITH GAMASY TOLD HIM IN ALL CANDOR THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM US IS POOR, ESPECIALLY AS LONG AS THE ARAB/ ISRAELI DISPUTE REMAINS UNRESOLVED. ALTHOUGH SADAT KEEPS

HOPING, GAMASY IS UNDER NO ISSUSION ON THIS SCORE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, UNLESS THERK IS SOME REASON UNKNOW TO ME WHAY THIS POINT NEEDS BE SPECIFICALLY CITED, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IT BE DROPPED. IT DOES NOT SEEM TO ADD ANYTHING TO MY MISSION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO SEEKING GOE ADHERENCE TO THE NPT, AS YOU KNOW GOE HAS SIGNED THE AGREEMENT AND HAS REPEATEDLY SAID IT WILL RATIFY IT ONCE ISRAEL ADHERES TO THE AGREEMENT. ARE WE NOW SAYING THAT I SHOULD PRESS GOE TO RATIFY THE NPT EVEN IF ISREAL DOES NOT ADHERE TO IT? ALSO, I AM A BIT UNCLEAR ABOUT THE OBJECTIVE OF WORKING WITH THE GOE TOWARD NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS. WE HAVE ALREADY INITIALED A NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH GOE AND HAVE FOR LONG TIME BEEN AWAITING FOR APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON ACTION. IS THE THRUST OF THIS PLANK INTENDED TO SUGGEST THAT I SHOULD NOW REOPEN THE NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT QUESTION TO REQUEST MORE SAFEGUARDS? IF SO, I NEED INSTRUCTIONS.

4. ON THE MATTER OF EGYPTIAN/ISRAEL DIFFERENCES RE GULF OF SUEZ PETROLEUM EXPLORATION, THIS IS FOR THE MOMENT A DORMANT ISSUE. IT WILL PROBABLY ARISE AGAIN, ESPECIALLY WITH FAHMY, BUT I WONDER IF IT IS IN OUR INTEREST "ACTIVELY (TO) PURSUE" THE MATTER SO LONG AS IT IS QUIET, ESPECIALLY SINCW WE SEEM UNABLE TO BUDGE THE ISRAELIS ON THIS MATTER. I WONDER IF THIS PLANK SHOULD NOT BE DELETED AND HANDLED AS AN AD HOC RESPONSIBILITY WHEN AND IF IT ARISES AGAIN.
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5. FINALLY, IN ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL PLANKS INCLUDED IN PARA 1C OF REFTTEL, I SUGGEST AN ADDITIONAL ONE ALONG THE LINES OF "ENCOURAGE GOE TO UNDERTAKE NEEDED ECONOMIC REFORM MEASURES WITH DUE REGARD TO THE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED."

6. HOPE THESE COMMENTS ARE OF SOME USE.
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